



Smoke Detectors

- Install smoke detectors on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke detectors throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test detectors monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries every 6 months, or immediately if "low battery" chirp sounds.
- Replace all smoke detectors every 10 years or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- There are two kinds of smoke alarms, Ionization and photoelectric.

HOME
Fire Safety



Home Fire Facts*

- You are most likely to experience a fire in your home than anywhere else.
- Unattended cooking is still the leading contributing factor to home fires and home fire injuries.
- More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths and fire injuries.
- Electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in roughly 50,000 reported fires each year.
- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half. However, three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or none that worked.
- Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths.

**Sources: U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Protection Assoc.*

The Johns Creek Fire Marshal's Office strives to protect the lives and property of the community by providing the highest level of customer service in fire & safety prevention education.



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In 2014, there were 494,000 structure fires in the U.S., causing 2,860 civilian deaths, 13,425 civilian injuries, and \$9.8 billion in property damage.

Across the U.S., a fire department responded to a fire every 24 seconds, with one structure fire was reported every 64 seconds. In 2015, Georgia had 79 fire fatalities reported in residential dwellings.

HOME Fire Safety

CHECKLIST

Kitchen

- | | YES | NO |
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| Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher present and accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never leave the kitchen when cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooking area clear of anything that is combustible | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never wear loose fitting clothing while you are cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maintain a three-foot area around the stove as a kid and pet free area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Indoor Safety

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fire escape plan created & practiced with all members of family with a designated meeting place outside. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smoke detectors on all levels of the home-including the basement and attic space where applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monthly checks of smoke detectors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multipurpose fire extinguishers on all levels of the home | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carbon Monoxide detectors located near bedrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Deadbolt locks can be unlocked from the inside without hunting for a key | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provide adequate space of combustibles around heaters and heating devices | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep stairs free of hazards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Flammable liquids are stored in proper containers and away from ignition sources | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Extension cords are not run under carpets, through walls or ceilings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All electrical switches and receptacles have proper cover plates | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Child locks are installed on all cabinets used to store poisons, cleaners, matches, and lighters, if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Dryer Safety

- | | YES | NO |
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| Clean lint filter before or after each load of laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remove lint that has collected around the drum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Use of a rigid or flexible venting pipe for dryer: Rigid or recommended for proper air flow | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ensure that the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when dryer is in use | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never leave your dryer running when you're not at home or when you go to bed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Routine maintenance should be performed on your dryer to make sure that it is in good working order

Outdoor Safety

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Correct address is displayed and easily visible from the street | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weeds, grass, vines or other growth should be maintained to prevent spread of fire | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Secured fence or cover around all pools, hot tubs, or other large bodies of water | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Barbecue grills are spaced far enough away from your home to not be a hazard - at least five feet | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Living Room

- | | YES | NO |
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| Always open the flue or damper before starting a fire in your fire place | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep all flammables at least three feet away from all fireplaces | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Use a sturdy fireplace screen in front of the fireplace | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional at least every year | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep candles, lamps, and other heating devices away from curtains - generally three feet | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have an electrician inspect your wiring in your home periodically | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never leave a burning cigarette unattended | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Bedroom

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Never use candles in your bedroom | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't run electrical cords under rugs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Replace and repair any loose or frayed electrical cords | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't staple or nail electrical cords | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never smoke in bed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you use an electric blanket, make sure that you cut it off and unplug it when not in use | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Bathroom

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| Don't overload outlets with cords from too many appliances | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If an outlet or switch feels unusually warm, stop using it and call an electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unplug all appliances when not in use | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep towels and other flammables at least three feet away from space heaters | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Hallway

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Install ceiling-mounted smoke alarms at least four inches away from the walls on every level of your home | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ensure that all smoke alarms are UL listed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wall mounted smoke alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Test your smoke alarms once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vacuum your smoke alarm every six months | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Change all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year and make sure they are always installed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NOTE: For every "NO" checked, it indicates where your family's safety precautions may fall short. Take immediate actions to correct.

To request assistance from the Johns Creek Fire Department in reviewing your home fire safety checklist and home evacuation plan, please call 678-474-1641.

Identify your meeting place location here:
(next door neighbor's house, a particular tree, street sign, etc.)



H.E.A.T. (Hometown Emergency Action Teams) is a partnership between the citizens of Johns Creek and the Johns Creek Fire Department.

H.E.A.T. training is customized to meet the unique needs of participants. Training ranges from comprehensive skills for citizen response teams working with Emergency Services to fire extinguisher and CPR training for small businesses.

For more information & to participate, call the Johns Creek Fire Marshal at 678-474-1641 or email firemarshal@johnscreekga.gov